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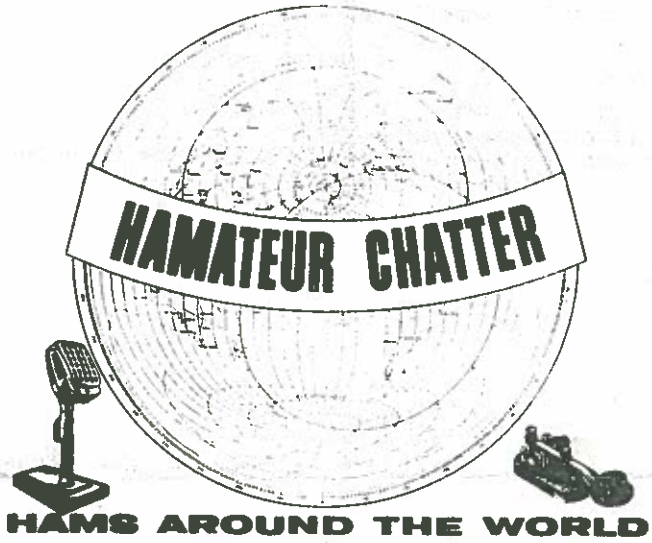

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"66-67"

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS:

IF Amateurs are to successfully do ANY bargaining, or make their influence felt at National or International Conferences, we should not make any passes at DIVIDING into small, exclusive groups.

We MUST be a solid front — or take our lumps.

I believe it is time for us to take a position, stand up for ARRL and all it stands for - and we'll all be better off in the future.

As you may have noted elsewhere in "Hamachatter", MRAC is stepping up to the challenges of OUR TIMES.

Our TVI Committee is performing outstanding work, and to further influence your pocketbook you will note that by joining during "Kickoff Month" you can become a member at a once-in-a-lifetime savings.

A Convention Committee is working to bring a Central Division ARRL Convention to Milwaukee during July 1967.

Training and upgrading courses are being planned, as soon as the holidays are over the hill. We proudly boast of our many years, some Wars, and many accomplishments. With renewed interest and fresh vitality, we can find an interest for everyone. . . We have many VHF - RTTY - RACES - DX - TRAFFIC - MARS - NTS - and just good old Ragchews - Speakers from Industry and the world's leading laboratories.

If you feel you are "Missing Out" or lack interest in a once engrossing hobby - just try MRAC — we will give you the opportunity to find more fun and excitement in Radio than you have known for years, AND a CHANCE to make your voice heard by standing up for what we ALL want.

As the Club's President, I extend to you the friendliest invitation possible to visit and join us.

I'll be looking for you January fifth at the OLD TIMERS Party at the Pabst, and February second at the Club Meeting (MSOE on North Broadway, just north of Cadillac - 7:45 p.m.).

Sincerely,
Bernie Tower, K9ZPP - President, MRAC

The new ROSTER COMMITTEE is going to work — please drop a card if you are improperly listed — keep in mind that we need your proper ZIP CODE, Telephone number, address, Call, and the spelling of your name and street. . . We must depend on you to keep us straight on these statistics.

Please address your card or call to Charlie Dawson. You may also advise Charlie of any change requirement in your address stencil — we will get "RETURNS" for lack of correct address.

The RCA 5Kw Transmitter (the gift to AREC from WISN) is about to leave our City. At this writing, it is about SOLD to one of two very likely buyers. We hope to report finally on this at the next AREC Meeting, and on the Monday Night Net.

The Chief Operator at W9EKW, the Red Cross Station, reports a new antenna in the process of being installed. Don Evenson K9KYX, selected a 4-bay Hy-Gain Jay Pole and NEW foam coax feed line. . . A nice day, and willing hands, will see it UP, high above the building at 26th and West Wisconsin Avenue. Monday night at 9 p.m. CST, on 146.67, should be a good time to listen — we may be surprised.

AS A MATTER ------- OF RECORD, or sumpin'

November 29, 1966 - quite an evening to remember. The good folks at Schlitz entertained the Circus Communications and the Train Crew, for a great evening.

The OFFICIAL Photographer, WA9PZV, showed a lot of us HOW to get some excellent color shots of the Parade - beautiful job, Chuck - lot different views than we get of some of the elephants.

The unusual situation of a sponsor throwing a GALA for his Communications people brought out some interesting observations. Mr. Pete Olson of Schlitz said that to think of running this affair, or any part of it, without AREC, would be simply impossible - and I'm sure the people appreciated feeling that needed.

Chuck Compton, WØBUO, came down from St. Paul to be with us, and Phil Haller came up from Chicago. Chuck is a newly elected Vice President of ARRL, and Phil is Central Division Director. Both want to be back here next July, when we have the Parade again, and it's warmer.

Some of the parade ANECDOTES sounded lots funnier being told at the Party than they did happening.

ALONG CERTIAN LINES — LIKE D-X

Some interesting developments are in sight on LONG HAUL MORALE TYPE "ZAF" TRAFFIC. This is being arranged by one of the MARS services. Details are sparse, and THREE well-known DX'ers have been approached and are being "worked over" — as this develops, we will report.

Losing "Ink" Bowen, W9QYW, and Bob Wilson, W9ZB, to General Electric's Florida operation this fall made quite a hole in W9-DXCC's local population. . . Perhaps you guys can keep those funny antennae UP down there — at least they won't freeze when they blow down.

Ross Hansch, W9RBI, is having a "pile up" with the medics and is hospitalized in Madison. Recent word (last week) on his progress is scarce. He WAS missed at W9-DXCC, and no one knew why — Staber Reese, W9DOO, did the detective work.

"Butch" Greve, W9-DXCC's DX'er of the year 1966, reports the hog doing fine and now trying out his bristles on Ham-TV. Butch now belongs to MRAC.

Reports from the authentic source of Louie Wollaeger, W9ANA (still near Enewietok) that Wess Correll, W9FY and Doc Wyman W9SZH are topping all the Locals on the Over Nine department out his way — using 15 and 20.

As of October twentieth: Mr. Ben Waple has AGAIN clarified Pricing, Offering to SELL, or Selling Gear over the air. Mr. Waple put it this way -- Buying, Selling, Swapping (or using Amateur Frequencies for ANY renumeration whatsoever) is in violation of SECTION 97.111 of the Amateur Radio Service Rules — so you just let those OTHER people dig their OWN holes. . . . . Which means that you CAN'T even swap crystals over the air and be legal about it.

* * * * * OLD TIMERS * * * * *

January fifth — Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall — 7:45 pm — Y'all Come.

Life Membership Awards — Special Awards — How does your signal sound in KWAJALEIN, Marshall Islands — Magnetic Tape by Louie Wollaeger, KX6ES - W9ANA. President Bernie Tower will submit his report on YOUR Club's Activities, Plans, DESIRES and HOPES.

Hope your holidays are full of cheer, and look forward to seeing you all.

Dr. John F. Wyman, W9SZH

SPLASHINGS — from the FALLS

The FALLS Radio Club is in its new home — Lots more room, THANKS to the NEW Menomonee Falls Bank.

At their very first Meeting, the Club Members mistakenly "tackled" the Bank's coffee maker and threw the coffee ration for a weeks loss. (Could be the weeks supply of GREEN STUFF next — watch IT there.)

December Meeting will feature the Annual Election of Officers and a review.

There are many capable people in the Club who can AND SHOULD become candidates to fill the offices and make 1967 a very good year.

Happy Holidays to all. . . . from MFRAC

ENDORSEMENT

All AREC Memberships expire and are due for endorsement on January first — be sure to have your card with you. It's cost-free and painless.

Bob Goldstein, K9KJT — E. C.

SILENT KEY

Arthur L. Budlong, W1BUD, passed away on December thirteenth and was buried on December sixteenth, at South Lyme, Connecticut.

"Bud" was appointed Secretary and General Manager of ARRL at Milwaukee in September of 1948, during the National Convention here. He had been ill for some time, and passed away at the hospital in New London.

Mr. Budlong was sixty-five years of age, and had represented Amateur Radio at every World Conference for Frequency Allocation and Spectrum Usage since 1945. His last was the Geneva Switzerland ITU in 1959. He served the League in the capacity until his retirement on December 31, 1960.

The writer worked with Bud on the organization of a network of Amateur Operators to provide emergency backup for the Pennsylvania Railroad, which helped form a background for the later pattern of organized Amateur performance in providing vital links in time of disaster.

1967 WISCONSIN QSO PARTY

All Amateurs are invited to participate in the first Wisconsin QSO Party, sponsored by the Wisconsin Nets Association.

TIME: February 11 and 12, 1967, between 1600Z and 2300Z both days. Stations may operate the entire 14 hours.

CATEGORIES: PHONE 160-10 Meters, PHONE 6 Meters and up, CW 160 and up (all bands)

RULES: Exchange QSO number, RS or RST report and county. QSO numbers must start with number "one" and be consecutive. You may work each station only once in each category and may participate in each category, but separate logs must be sent it. CW to PHONE contacts are permitted, but cross-band contacts are not allowed. NO multiple transmitters in any one category are permitted, nor are contacts permitted on nets in session. Logs must show time of contact, station worked, signal reports sent and received, band, type of emission, power input, QSO number sent and received, and name of county worked.

POWER: Legal limit may be used.

SCORING: Score one point for each contact, add the message credit if applicable, and multiply the total contact points by the number of counties worked.

MESSAGE CREDIT: 25 points can be added to the contact points before the multiplier, if a message is originated and sent in correct ARRL form (preamble must contain number, station of origin, check, and date) to the SCM stating the category and county you operated in and the power input used. The message must be sent on the air within two days after the contest ends (GMT). A copy of the message, showing the station and time to whom it was sent must accompany the log, in order to receive credit.

TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded to first place winners in each category.

CERTIFICATES: Certificates and distinguishing ribbons will be given to the top three places in each category. A participation certificate, showing where the entrant placed, will be given for each log received. Trophies will be awarded at the annual WNA hamfest.

Logs should be postmarked no later than March 13, 1967, and sent to K9HJS, William Wachholz, 918 North Third Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401. ANY violation of the contest or FCC rules may result in disqualification. All decisions of the contest committee are final.

Here is the winning entry in the "Cover Contest"

4553 N. 23 Street
Milwaukee, Wis. 53209
October 15, 1966

Jack Doyle, Editor
Hamateur Chatter
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

RE: Cover Photo October - November issue.

I dont have to do any guessing on this one, Hi.

WHO? Erwin W. Kreis. The picture brings to mind the physical pain suffered by Erv during this period of his life.

WHAT TYPE STATION? War Emergency Radio Service (WERS). WERS was established by FCC 6-12-1942. MRAC appointed a WERS committee with myself as Chairman. A report was made to the Wisconsin Council of Defense in September, followed by a resolution to the Milwaukee Common Council Nov. 28, 1942. This was approved Jan. 25, 1943, authorizing Chief Kluchesky of Milwaukee PD to act as licensee of a county-wide system. License for WMFI was not issued until Dec. 31, 1943 - it took that long to get the signatures of the chief executive officials of all of the governmental units in the county on agreements required by FCC for a cooperative system. I am sure you remember the many meetings you attended in connection with these preliminaries. Yours truly was named Radio Aide, while FCC issued more than 100 WERS Operatpr Permitsfor WMFI.

WHAT YEAR? Early 1945. All of the 23 fixed stations had been installed during 1944.

WHAT MAKE? MRAC WERS Committee. Evening construction sessions were held at the Third District Police Station, while many all day sessions were put in by Norm Barnes, W9CDY President of MRAC and Deputy Radio Aide of WMFI.

WHERE? Wauwatosa Police Station.

WHAT FREQUENCY? 112,700 kc (In the old two and a half meter ham band.)

WHAT IS THE OPERATORS CALL? W9HRM, which is now licensed to MRAC as a memorial to Erv.

WHO BUILT IT? Unit 9 was sponsored by Tom Gettelman W9IZO, who also furnished 2 by 4's for antenna supports for all stations.

Herb

Herbert F. Wareing, W9NY
Vice President MRAC 1921
President MRAC 1922

MRAC	Meetings	First Thursday	- 7:45 p.m., on Broadway, just North of CADDY
AREC	Meetings	First Tuesday	- 7:45, RED CROSS 26th and Wisconsin Avenue
FALLS	Meetings	Last Tuesday	- 7:45 p.m., Menomonee Falls Bank Building
WAARC	Meetings	Second and Fourth Tuesday	- 8:00 p.m., 1000 South 72 Street, West Allis

C Q - FELLOW HAMS:

ARRL and MRAC are joined in "Ham Quest '67" (a drive to increase BOTH memberships, and give you the BARGAIN of the year.) We urge you to take advantage if you are NOT a member, and to call your Pal's attention if he is outside. There can be no doubt that changes are coming and you make so LITTLE noise crying out alone — JOIN US AND HOLLER, loud enough to be heard.

HERE, then, is THE DEAL:
- 1 FULL YEAR of ARRL Membership
- 12 Issues of QST
- 10 ISSUES of "Hamateur Chatter"
- Your name, call and address in the MRAC Roster
- Picnic, Parites, and Field Day
- 12 Scheduled Club Meetings (More, if you are in AREC) no charge.
- You become a FULL VOTING Member on Major Matters

THIS OFFER GOOD UNTIL MIDNIGHT, the LAST day of JANUARY, 1967.

(TEAR and USE — we are ALL waiting for you)

TO: Mr. Charles Dawson, W9CUW
Treasurer, MRAC, Inc.
3418 North Hubbard Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212

Sure, Charlie, I'm all for the SEVEN DOLLAR DEAL - here is my money. Date _____

Name(s) _____ Call _____

Address _____

Class of License _____ Begin QST with _____

(check one) Membership Card Certificate

P. S. If you'd like more applications, say so — I'll mail you some.

Charlie, W9CUW

In case the membership gang forgot to tell you - the AREC is without charge, and if you're over fifteen and under seventy-five, we need you and want you. . . . . There is still much fun to be had.

Bob Goldstein, K9KJT

(Left to Right) Jordan Kaplan, W9ZKE, Chicago Area Radio Club Council
Bernie Tower, K9ZPP
Ken Ebeneter, Portage, Wis. SCM
Phil Haller — ARRL Director
Erv Buchert, Chief Ground Hog
At the '66 Ground Hog Party — The new traveling display unit at it's FIRST showing - Watertown, Wisconsin

WELL, WELL — Johnny Griggs got himself elected ARRL Director in So Cal, and Heinie Meyers got himself a Gold Medal in Italy. . . Trying to evaluate the Net results sort of leaves me with the feeling that Johnny got to split the wood — and fill the wood-box, too.

Nice to hear Racine on RTTY on 146.88. Congratulations to Steve - and never fear, OM, you'll be making those "green keys" FLY in a short time. None of us can spell too good, so don't let it throw you.

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"I'm taking a spot check for the FCC and I'd like copies of the last 10 messages you sent in triplicate, typed double-space."

--AUTOCALL

The very Best in "67" from Hamateur Chatter Staff.